

DX LISTENING DIGEST 00-31, Feb 27, 2000
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WORLD OF RADIO, QRM TO WWCR: Hi Glenn, On Thurs 2130 the VoRUS Spanish signal was not too strong, and I could follow the WoR progr, but WWCR outlet still suffering from neighbouring channel 9480.

Today I heard GH WoR on 15685 1230-1300, but unfortunately VoTibet from Dushanbe-TJK is hopping again around, now also on 15685.21 again (ex 15640). And WWCR is on even xxxxx.00 ...

BUT the 210 Hertz heard like a buzzy noisy heterodyne signal. I switched to LSB mode reception and could easily follow the WoR program (Wolfgang Bueschel, Stuttgart, Germany, Feb 26)

** BANGLADESH. The Bangladesh Betar External Services broadcast English programme at 1230 on 7185 and 9557/8, but they announce the 2nd frequency as 9550. Bangladesh Betar Dhaka (Home Service) broadcasts on 15520 from 1200. This programme includes a Weather Report at 1250 in Bangla (Bengali) followed by English. (Rifat Eusufzai, Bangladesh, Feb 19, Cumbre DX via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [non]. CUBA Bob Thomas and Glenn Hauser report in DXLD of missing CRI relays from here, such as 9570 from 0100-0300. I did hear CRI in English at 2320 on 5990, listed as Cuba. 9570 is untraced here as well though (Hans Johnson, FL, Feb 20, Cumbre DX via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CONGO DR. 6713-USB, Radio Bukavu was off the air for nearly a year and has been heard again Feb 26 at 1545 in French, then 1604 in Swahili with news and reports followed with African Songs until 1633, then back in French with ID and news bulletin, off at 1658 (Mahendra Vaghjee, Mauritius, Electronic DX Press via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CROATIA [non]. To: Mr. Guenter Hirte, Head of Deutsche Telekom Juelich Station. Dear Mr. Hirte, many thanks for your today's phone call re subject issue. As mentioned, I would suggest to operationalise the following Schedule for HIC/DTK - transmissions in the A00 Period (26.3.-29.10.2000):

Target area	TX-Azimuth	Time, UTC	Frequency, kHz
South America	230	2300-0059	9925
North America, East	300	0100-0259	9925
North America, West	325	0300-0459	9925

New Zealand	230	0500-0659	9470* (11970 alt.- reserve)
Australia	270	0700-0859	13820
Africa, Near East	160	2000-2059	11805 (9430*?)

*) Constant around-the-year frequencies in 9 MHz-band are desirable for both New Zealand and Africa target areas.

Best regards, Milan Prezelj, currently: Tomsiceva ul. 1, HR-10000 ZAGREB - Maksimir Tel./Fax: +385 1 221745 (via Nicolas Eramo, Argentina, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Note that unlike previous years, plans one hour earlier DST timeshift (gh, DXLD)

** GERMANY. DW Gone Commercial. While monitoring DW at 1622 UTC Saturday February 26, 2000 on 17730 kHz they had two ads. One for Opel (General Motor cars) and another for long distance call rates of DTK (Joe [Karthaus?], swltalk via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREECE. Glenn, Re my Media Network item on Voice of Greece quoted in DXLD, Erik Koie in Denmark pointed out to me that the time I mentioned, 2100, is local time. So English ought to be aired at 1900 UTC. Their Web site is very confusing. There's a complete shortwave schedule, but no indication of the programming. For that you have to go to the Inter Programme page, which is given in local time. 73, (Andy Sennitt, Holland, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREECE. The new schedule of the Voice of Greece to Europe: 1500-2000 all programmes on MW 1386 & FM's 90.6 & 93.6 (both Athens). 1500-1800 on 792, 1386, 7475, 9375: 1500 in Russian. 1530 Bulgarian. 1600 Romanian. 1630 Serbian. 1700 Albanian. 1730 Polish. 1800-1900 on 1386, 9375, 12105. 1800 French. 1830 Spanish. 1900-2000 on 1386, 7475, 9375: 1900 English, 1930 German. From 2000 in Greek (PanIview, Bulgaria, Feb 17 via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAQ. Tnx to a tip from John Figliozzi on swprograms, RII heard in English on 11787, UT Sun Feb 27 from 0225 tune in, hard to understand woman with several talks separated by brief musical interludes; then one by a man. Into open carrier at 0246, 0247 opening German! Strong signal, but ME flutter, and a slight het. Still German past 0330; 0353 recheck open carrier, 0355 opening in French. 0447 recheck, unID language, not Arabic. 0509 Qur'ian with long pauses (an insult to all Iraq's non-Moslem citizens from a country failing to appreciate the importance of separating church and state); 0530 in Arabic (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAQ. It's most probably one of the 16 500 kW Thomson transmitters that were installed at Salah El Deen in the 1980's. Most have been silent since the Gulf War, despite Baghdad's claims that it had

refurbished them. Sawt al Jamaheer (Voice of the Masses) recently re-started as a separate service, so it appears that they are gradually getting more equipment back on the air (Andy Sennitt, Holland, swprograms via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRELAND [non]. RTE is in a one-year experiment using Merlin only for all its SW relays. Anyone who would like to comment on this compared to coverage effectiveness via previous WWCR relays is invited to contact Adam at WWCR (Ask WWCR Feb 27 via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KURDISTAN. IRAQ The Voice of Iraqi Kurdistan - one of the two radio stations of the official political opposition in Iraq (the other one is Voice of the People of Kurdistan) is now with its new transmitter on the air on short waves. Noted on February the 15th at +0350-0530 on new 9495 kHz in parallel with 4085 kHz, as follows till 0500 in Arabic (announcing 3 frequencies, presumed one on medium waves) then in Kurdish; on same day +1555-1830+ on new 7095 and 4085 kHz (in the 7 MHz hamband). On Feb 16th 0350-0530 & +1335-1540+ was only on 4085 or in parallel with unid frequency (PanIview, Bulgaria, via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBERIA. ELWA, 4760 was subject of long interview with Cordell Hogan, formerly of Liberia, now at HCJB's transmitter manufacturing facility in Elkhart IN. He installed the antennas which consist of 4 inverted V dipoles, broadbeam with main lobe at 57 degrees. The transmitter and the power supply were also new designs, brought into the country in one suitcase each (HCJB DX Partyline Feb 26 via DX LISTENING DIGEST) BTW, Bob Zanotti's piece on Liberia on this week's VOA CW indicates no non-government SW stations are allowed. So is ELWA actually covert, unlicensed, clandestine? (gh, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND. Here is the RNZI Schedule that takes effect on March 19, 2000.

1650-1755 11695 kHz Monday-Friday

1755-0705 17675 kHz Monday-Friday

1850-0705 17675 kHz Sat-Sun

0705-1205 15115 kHz Daily

Occasional Use -

1205-1505 6100 kHz

1505-1650 6145 kHz

(Adrian Sainsbury Technical Manager Radio New Zealand International
PO Box 123 Wellington, NEW ZEALAND <http://www.rnzi.com> Feb 26, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. KOSU 91.7 has been promoting the official launch of its

worldwide audio streaming with some kind of ceremony, Wednesday March 1 at 1340 UT at <http://www.kosu.org> (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. Re: DXLD 00-30: There are only three channel 17s in Oklahoma:

KDOR Bartlesville (3980KW/316m, transmitter in northwest Rogers Co. with a shallow null (probably about 2000KW ERP) in the direction of Enid. It's a TBN religious station.)

K17DH Weatherford (942 watts, programming unknown but believed to be a translator of an OKC station)

K17EX OKC (37.1KW. Directional, direction unknown. I list it as "religious" but such things change. The tower is roughly 20km northeast of KTOU-LP. The power is considerably lower (37.1KW vs. 67.5KW for KTOU) but both stations are directional. KTOU favors the north and east (48.5KW towards Enid); I don't know what K17EX's directional pattern is. K17EX's antenna is 37m lower, but if its DA pattern is favorable that probably won't matter (Doug Smith W9WI Pleasant View (Nashville), TN, amfmtvdx via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAUDI ARABIA. R. Riyadh heard in English between 1700 and 1735 on 15435, clashing with Libya, according to two reporters, one in Sweden, one in England (HCJB DX Partyline Feb 26 via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOMALIA. 7213V, The new radio station Radio Banaadir s/on at 1600 Feb 25 with organ music, then ID and announcement followed by recital of koran then talk and songs. 1845 organ music, ID before news, then ID again as Radio Banaadir Somalia AfricaMeterband....Then again Radio Banaadir.... Africa and just after that African and International news bulletin, ID after news and went off at 1900 after recital of koran. Poor reception (Mahendra Vaghjee, Mauritius, DX LISTENING DIGEST) It was on 7210 since the beginning of February and now moved to 7213, probably will keep moving as all Somalia stns do (Vaghjee, hard-core-dx via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOMALIA. 7213V Radio Banaadir: This frequency might be a hint that the long awaited station that bought its equipment in Germany late last year has finally come on the air. If so, power should be around 1 kW into an L-antenna. Thanks for the tip! (Harald Kuhl, Germany, hcdx Feb 26 via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K O G B A N I. RADIO FREE LONDON 15060.2 Feb 18 1832-2049 heard at various times with IDs, jingles, mention of 19 mb frequency, music by Bryan Adams, Deep Blue Something and Badfinger. (Wolfish-ONT)

15060 Feb 19 2030-2059 poor to fair with music by Yes, Roxy Music, Free, Cliff Richard and The Sex Pistols. Various IDs and jingles too. (Wolfish-ONT) RADIO FREE LONDON 15060/AM; 1833-1902+, 18-Feb; M/EE IDs & low-key pop mx; there but buried @2004; SI0=252; 1852, 19-Feb, VPoor; 2015, 19- Feb, SI0=2+52 (Frodge-ON) (all: MARE via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Another screwup at a once great radio station, KOA, 850, Denver. Checking for ABC Perspective at 1205 UT Sun Feb 27, heard open carrier instead, which continued until 1233 as I strained to hear the program amid heavy QRM on AFN 6458.5 USB instead. Then KOA played some music starting with ``Sound of Silence``, yuk yuk, and finally 1241 joined Perspective intermittently during Stossel rant (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 13903.4, WHRI Noblesville IN (presume); 1807-1832+, 18-Feb; Rlgs px; no ID @BoH; //13760; hrd on different rcvrs & ants; spur?; still there past 1900 but noted gone @2002; SI0=232/best in USB (Harold Frodge, Ont., MARE via DX LISTENING DIGEST) ###